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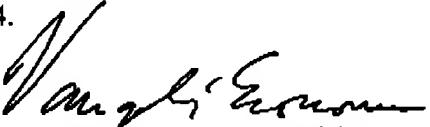
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:	Dmitrii Stepanov et al.]	GRP ART UNIT: 2828
Serial No.:	09/831,995]	Ex.: A. Rodriguez
Filed:	May 16, 2001]	AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
For:	Reduction of Pulsations in DFB Lasers]	

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR §1.136 (a))

Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time for an initial period of one month in which to respond to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, extending the term for response until April 4, 2004.

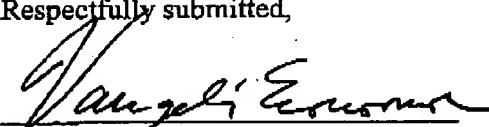
The fee for this Petition for one month is \$110.00.

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Respectfully submitted,



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